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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE OF

NAOMI SIMMONS

TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened before the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners (hereinafter "the Board"), upon review of respondent's applications for licensure as a social worker.

In respondent's first application, filed on December 15, 2003, she failed to answer the question "(h)ave you ever been convicted of any criminal offense?" In her second application, filed on August 18, 2004, she answered "yes" to the question "(h)ave you ever been convicted of any criminal offense?" Respondent enclosed a copy of her early release and termination of supervision, stated that not answering the question in her prior application was an "oversight and error" on her part and explained that the matter involved a "verbal dispute." The Criminal History Background Check revealed that respondent had been convicted of simple assault on December 14, 2000 and had been sentenced to probation. The Board sent respondent a letter requesting the underlying facts regarding her conviction and a copy of the transcript of the hearing. The Board reviewed the transcript, including the decision which stated that respondent had

inflicted physical marks on the victim's wrists and neck and the finding that respondent was guilty of simple assault. Respondent was sentenced to two years probation, complied with the terms of the probation and was granted early termination from the original probationary sentence.

The Board having reviewed respondent's application, her letters of recommendation and successful completion of probation; and the Board finding that the following disposition of this matter is adequately protective of the public, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004

ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall be granted a license to practice social work as a licensed social worker. She shall practice within the scope of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-3.2(a) and shall comply with all requirements for a licensed social worker.

2. Respondent is reprimanded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) and (b) for her act of misrepresentation concerning the underlying facts regarding her conviction for simple assault.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
EXAMINERS


Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW
Chair

I have read the above order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board of Social Work Examiners to enter this Order.


Naomi Simmons